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REMARKS

Claims 102-103 and 110-112 are canceled by this amendment, which is made in accordance with telephonic Examiner interviews held between Examiner Brannock and the undersigned, *inter alia*, on October 12 and 23 and November 16, 2006. The Examiner suggested that the claims be canceled and filed in a divisional application, as they are not part of an interference to be declared in the present application.

Claims 100, 105, 107, and 109 remain pending in this application. Early action is requested.

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